

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

**Title of Publication:** Venus

**Other Known Title:** \$ex 1080

**Format:** VCD

**Director/Author:** Not Stated

**Producer/Publisher:** Not Stated

**Country of Origin:** Not Stated

**Language:** Japanese

**Applicant:** The District Court at Manukau

**Distributor:** Not Applicable

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive Note:** Not Applicable.

**Display Conditions:** Not Applicable

**Date of entry in Register:** 21 July 2006

**Date of direction to issue a label:** Not Applicable

**OFLC No:** 601215

**Unexcised version of publication:**

	Component	Running time
<b>Feature:</b>	Venus	72.14
<b>Total running time:</b>		72.14

**Excisions:** Not Applicable

**Reasons for excisions:**

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons  
for classification:**

The VCD entitled *Venus*, also known as *Sex 1080*, is classified as:  
Objectionable.

This classification is because the publication tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and tends to promote and support the use of coercion to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct.

The publication contains a sexually explicit feature. Some of the scenes focus on adult men and women having sex but the first three scenes construct scenarios in which a young female has sex with adult men. The settings, costumes and behaviour all contribute to an impression that the female is in her early teens. In two of the scenes the female also presents as initially reluctant, and the male or males' behaviour towards her is coercive. The publication normalises the idea of adults having sex with young persons and of sexual coercion by presenting them in an explicit manner in order to titillate viewers.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and that tend to promote and support the use of coercion in order to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct.